

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-23 remain in the application and claims 1, 11, 20, 22, and 23 have been amended hereby. Claims 24-58 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 59 and 60 have been added.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-58 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Venners et al.

Features of the present invention are a sink apparatus receiving stream data from a source apparatus via a predetermined network. A command is sent to the sink apparatus from the source apparatus requesting the sink apparatus to receive the stream data. A response to the command is prepared by the sink apparatus indicating that the sink apparatus is temporarily disabled and indicating when the sink apparatus will be enabled to receive the stream data. The source apparatus executes a corresponding processing when receiving the response.

Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended in part to recite the above-noted features of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Venners et al. fails to show or suggest a command being sent to a sink apparatus to receive stream data from the source apparatus, and a response being sent to the source apparatus from the sink apparatus indicating that the sink apparatus is temporarily disabled and when indicating the sink apparatus will be enabled to receive the stream data.

In the system of Venners et al., it is the system

controller (60 in Fig. 1) that receives selection and operating mode control information from a user, and that monitors a bidirectional bus for status messages from selected apparatuses. No commands and responses are exchanged among the apparatuses of Venners et al. See col. 4, lines 45-50 and col. 5, lines 30-50 of Venners et al., for example.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 11, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Venners et al.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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